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SHAUGHNESSY DIES; THEATER TOLL IS 98

Assistant Postmaster General Succumbs to Injuries

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Edward H. Shaughnessy, Chicago, second assistant postmaster general, died here early today at Walter Reed hospital from injuries received in the Knickerbocker theater disaster Saturday night.

Although Mr. Shaughnessy's injuries were known to be in a critical nature his condition had shown improvement during yesterday and no death was anticipated. Attending physicians said his death followed a sudden heart collapse shortly after midnight. Mr. Shaughnessy suffered multiple twists and other injuries but had shown a remarkable power which made physician hopeful of his recovery.

Mr. Shaughnessy's wife and his 18-year-old daughter Ruth, both of whom are now recovering from injuries received in the theater disaster



EDWARD H. SHAUGHNESSY

had not been informed of his death at an early hour today. They are being treated at another hospital, the daughter having had both arms broken while Mrs. Shaughnessy is suffering from a fractured rib and chest.

The death of the second assistant postmaster general follows the fatal list of the catastrophe, as now recorded by the police, as:

SHAUGHNESSY WAS FORMER RAILROAD MAN
CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—Edward H. Shaughnessy was born in Chicago in 1882. When 15 years old he became telegrapher agent of Elgin, Ill., for the Chicago & Northwestern railroad and subsequently superintendent before when the United States entered the world war.

He was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Thirtieth Illinois Cavalry and went overseas with the regiment.

During the Argonne offensive he was general manager of transportation in some of advance and by this time had been promoted to the rank of colonel.

Mr. Groundhog Sees His Shadow; 6 More Weeks of Winter

Had Mr. Groundhog overheard this morning, he would not have seen his shadow when he came out.

As it was he scurried back to his hole for six more weeks of winter according to popular tradition.

It was clear at sunrise, then the sun went behind some clouds for



about two hours before reappearing so if you believe Mr. Groundhog you will have to make up your mind to a little more of the brand of weather we have been having.

Weather

For 24 hours ending 4 a.m.

Highest temperature, 44; daily range

temperature, 22; mean daily tem-

perature, 26; relative humidity

8 a.m., 38; relative humidity

8 p.m., 78; percentage

max. velocity of wind, miles per

hour, 22; pre-

vailing direction,

north; character of the day, clear;

state, Weather.

New Station. Fair tonight and

Friday; little change in tempera-

FORD'S OFFER FOR SHOALS TO CONGRESS

Weeks Submits Proposal Without Recommendation

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Henry Ford's proposal for the improvement projects at Muscle Shoals, Ala., was submitted to Congress by Secretary Weeks for early action as Congress may deem appropriate. The only suggestions contained in the letter of transmission related to specific clauses in the contract and the desirability of amendments which would in the event the proposal be accepted by Congress. This did not affect the government's interests.

"At this stage Mr. Ford's proposal is accepted," he declared, "the government must make new appropriations amounting to \$10,000,000 in guarantees of which Mr. Ford will have the benefit for approximately ten years at 4 per cent."

The question of unemployment is recognized as a factor to be considered by Congress in connection with its treatment of the Muscle Shoals' question.

"At this time," he points out, "when there is a large amount of unemployment it is not without importance to consider the advantages to the nation of the employment of the large amount of labor required in carrying out this development."

"Therefore, I urge that Congress give early consideration to this matter, not only to settle a controversial question, but to furnish employment on a large scale."

In a brief summary of the offer which the secretary incorporates in his letter of transmission he mentions the considerations running to the government as follows:

(A) Four per cent of the capital necessary to complete the construction of the power project. No interest or payment to be paid upon more than one-half of the government's investment which goes to pay for lands and flowage rights for dam No. 2, which item is estimated by the engineers to exceed \$1,000,000 in probable cost.

(B) The payment of a sum semi-annually into a sinking fund calculated to produce about \$40,000,000 at the end of the lease period. This payment amounts to \$46,736 annually. In other words Mr. Ford promises to pay approximately \$46,736 annually for the use of the lease period, provided the government has been able to reduce his payments at 4 per cent per annum.

(C) Mr. Ford promises to pay \$25,000 a year for the upkeep of dam No. 2 and its locks and the sum of \$20,000 a year for the upkeep of dam No. 2 and its locks. These payments are expected to meet the ordinary upkeep expense with which the government is charged. Mr. Ford assumes the responsibility for upkeep and repair of the power houses and equipment for generating such power as is expected to be turned back to the government in unexecuted plant condition as when received.

(D) The proposal requires Mr. Ford's company to operate nitrate plant No. 2 in its approximate capacity, which is estimated to be a production of 120,000 tons of ammonium nitrate per annum, and to sell such material at a price not to return a net profit in excess of 5 per cent of the usual annual cost of production.

(E) Mr. Ford's company is to maintain salient plant No. 2 in its present state of readiness for immediate operation for the production of explosives and is to turn it over to the government, together with such of its personnel as may be required for the national defense.

A statement appended to the secretary's letter prepared by Major-General Buch, chief of army engineers, outlined four indirect benefits the government will receive in the event the Ford offer is accepted by them.

The maintenance of the plant of mining and operating the present imperfect facilities for navigation at Muscle Shoals amounting to from \$25,000 to \$28,000 per annum.

The advantage to interstate commerce and navigation of the far superior facilities to navigation that will be secured through the construction of the dam and locks.

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Ten Men Burned In Explosion on Board a Steamer

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Ten men were seriously burned by an explosion in the engine room of the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Scotland, which docked early today. They were cleaning the oil burners when a back draft carried a spark into the mixture and ignited the inflammable combination of air and vaporized oil.

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ST. PAUL, MINN., Feb. 2.—Heirs to the \$12,000,000 estate of the late Mrs. Mary T. Hill, widow of James J. Hill, the empire builder, went to the probate court here today in the contest over appointment of an executor for her estate.

WASHINGTON THEATER DISASTER PICTURES

Birdseye of Interior Showing Rescue Work



Birdseye view of the interior of the Knickerbocker theater, Washington, after the collapse of the theater roof which killed 98 and injured more than 150. In the foreground are the ruins of the balcony, swept by the fall of the roof, burying spectators who were seated beneath it. At the right and curving toward the foreground is a bent and twisted steel girder which gave way under the weight of snow. Soldiers, at the right, are removing bodies on stretchers. Other soldiers are seen digging in the debris with shovels for more bodies. In left foreground is a mass of snow precipitated when the roof fell.

Government Watching Coal Strike Plans

Already Considering Plans to Cope With Situation

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 2.—The executive committee of the United Mine Workers of America, which will formulate the demands of the miners to replace the wage agreement with the operators which expires March 31, will meet in Indianapolis next Wednesday, February 8, John L. Lewis, international president, announced today.

The attorney general said he was closely watching conditions in the coal industry as they developed, as well as the proposed junction of the railroad workers with the United Mine Workers to assist wage demands. He stated that he was not ready to make known the government's position.

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"I am satisfied," he said, "that there is all the new necessary to do that is needed in case an event and additional legislation would not be needed nor be helpful."

Sacred College Opens Sessions To Choose Pope

Balloting Not Expected to Take More Than Two Days

ROME, Feb. 2.—The conclave of the sacred college which will choose a successor to Pope Benedict XV begins its sitting today. Fifty-two cardinals who are in Rome were assembled last night and when the great oak barrier at the entrance of the court yard of St. Damaso closed today cut off communication with the outside world until the business is done. The balloting is not expected to consume more than two days.

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